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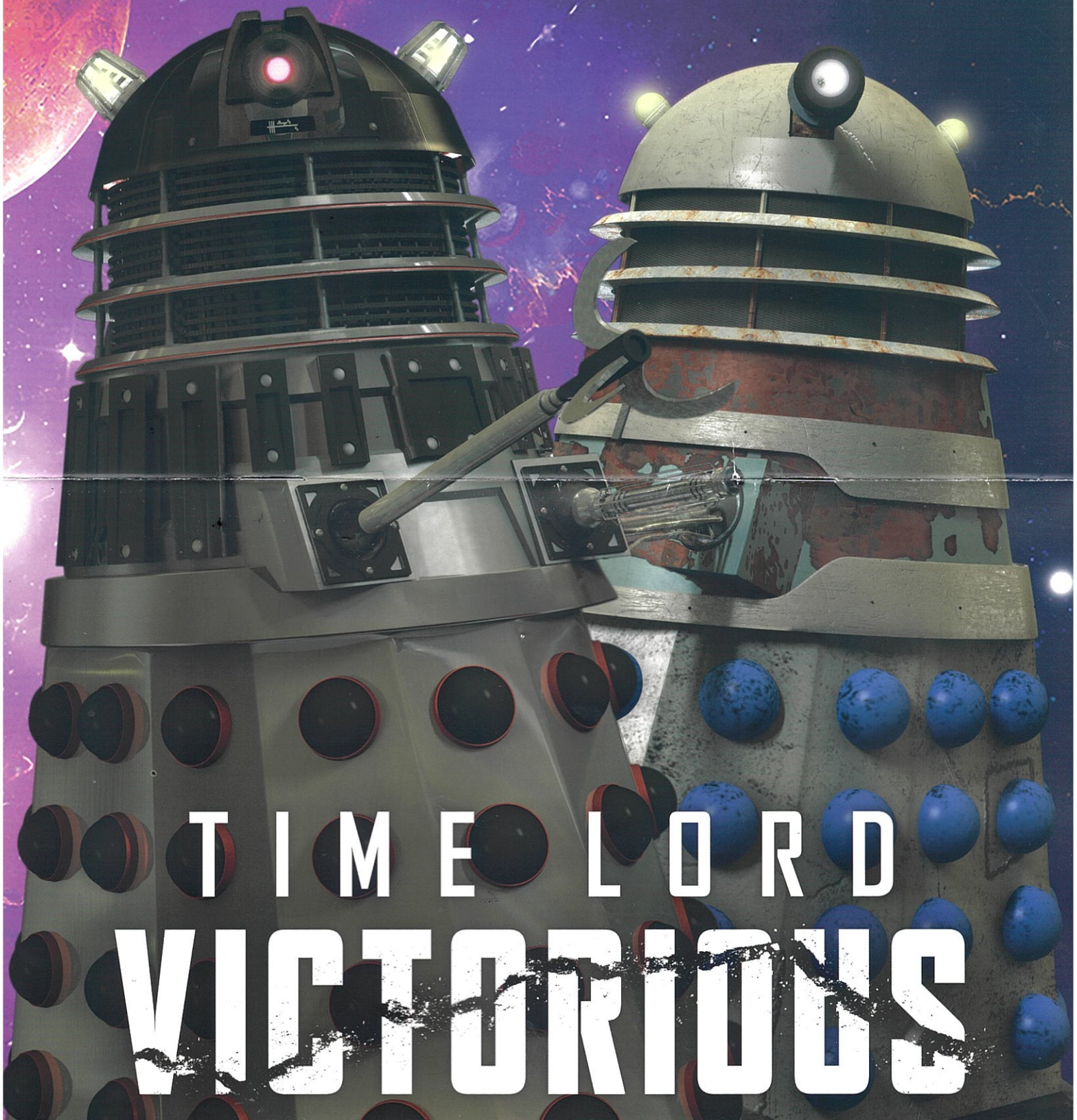

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THE DALEK EXECUTIONERS

Dalek Executioners are a special rank in the Restoration Empire. Fiercely loyal to the Emperor and bloodthirsty even by Dalek standards, bringing death is what they live for.

An early Dalek mantra was "Daleks conquer and destroy!" and these two functions are the Executioner's areas of expertise.

The Restoration Empire saw a period of Dalek expansion, invading new words and crushing lesser races. When the Emperor set its sights on these worlds, the Strategist formulated a plan for conquest, and a Commander would lead the invasion. As the armies of Drones swarmed from Dalek ships, at their head would be a Dalek Executioner.

These Daleks were at the front line of the invasion fleet heading towards the Archive of Islos. They defended Skaro from the attack by the Entity, and Dalek Executioners were present at the battle with the Mechanoids and the Hond.

When a Time Squad was dispatched to neutralise changes to the time stream, an Executioner was placed on board the Dalek Time Saucer. The Executioner was responsible for learning about and capturing the Devolving Technology from the Wraxians, as well as unleashing it on the planet's population. Back in the Dark Times, the Executioner and the Time Commander were the only Daleks trusted with the Emperor's "Ultimate End" – the destruction of Gallifrey before the Time Lords were even created.

The reason why Executioners are placed at the front line is that they are built for it. They're not stupid – no Dalek is – and their brain processors are heavily focused on conquest and destruction, and they have been programmed with successful attack strategies. Higher mental functions are replaced with back-ups of these core functions, allowing the Executioner to persevere even if mortally wounded.

Killing an Executioner is a tough challenge as their casings are double-bonded poly-carbide plating. This makes them slower when moving in a planetary atmosphere but less vulnerable. Their vision is enhanced, streamlined into a lethal targeting system. It's said an Executioner sees only victims, and this is only a slight exaggeration. Any object perceived by an Executioner's eyestalk is automatically overlaid with targeting possibilities and available extermination protocols.

Even its manipulator arm is extra lethal. Tipped with a Varga thorn, it is capable of transforming any subject into aggressive, subservient vegetables.

A Dalek Executioner cannot be reasoned with or bargained with.

It is simply Death.

"Three population bunkers located!
Three population bunkers eradicated!"

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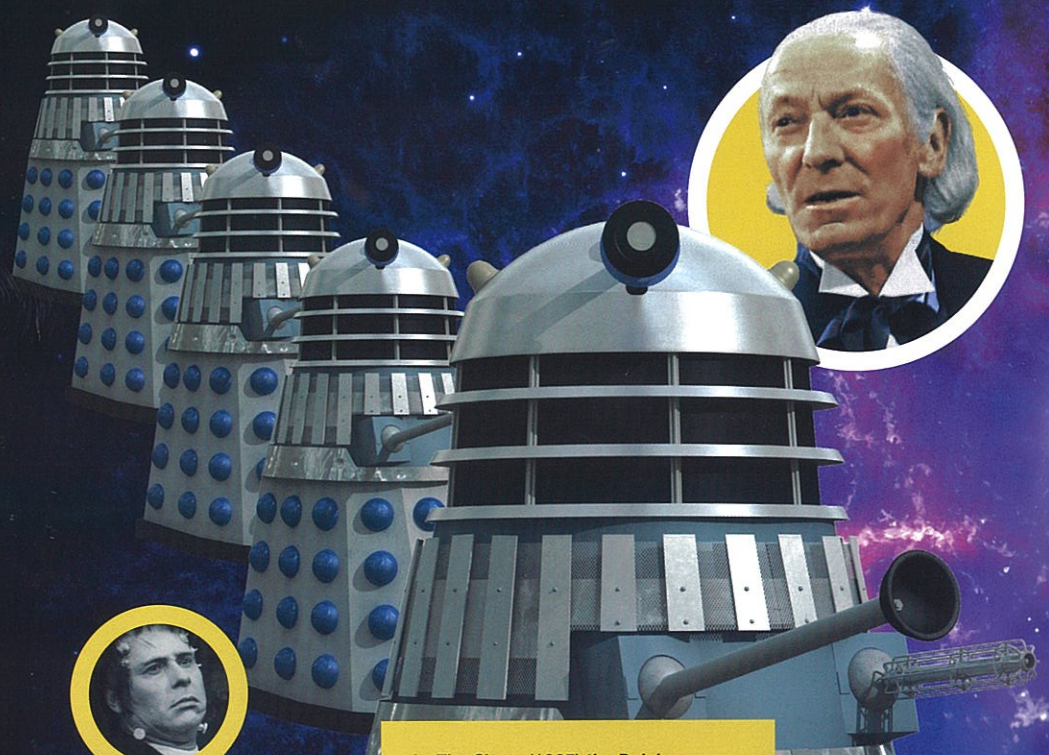


In *The Chase* (1965) the Daleks – immediately after building their own time machine – dispatched a time squad to hunt down the First Doctor. The Daleks on board were called 'The Assassination Group', and this group included a Dalek Executioner. Unlike the Daleks of the Restoration Empire, the Executioner had no distinguishing livery or markings, and the story was the first time we heard of this Dalek rank. The mission saw plenty of conflict as the Daleks went up against Aridians, a robot Frankenstein's Monster and the Mechanoids.

THE ASSASSINATION GROUP

DALEK ASSASSINS

In *Resurrection of the Daleks* (1984) the Daleks were a depleted force after losing the war with the Movellans. They were, however, no less deadly. One of the Daleks' new methods of war was via assassination. They acquired death squads of ruthless humanoid duplicates, led by a man named Lytton. Dalek duplicates had also infiltrated the governments of Earth, and the Daleks planned to use duplicates of the Doctor and his companions to Gallifrey to assassinate the High Council.

The Doctor confronted Davros, who had been revived to save the Daleks, but he came as his executioner. Holding a gun, which he fully intended to use it, the Doctor said, "I'm not here as your prisoner, Davros, but your executioner." But then Davros played on his arch-foe's better nature.

SPECIAL WEAPONS DALEKS

Davros' Dalek Empire was an empire of innovation, and the Special Weapons Daleks are prime examples of it. Many of the Daleks in this new empire were no longer of "pure and blessed" Dalek DNA, but that which had been harvested by Davros from other species. After learning the Dalek race had become stagnant, Davros knew that his children must innovate or they would die out.

The Special Weapons Dalek was essentially one big gun, and one put to devastating use against the Daleks of the Renegade Faction in the hunt for the Hand of Omega. When the Twelfth Doctor encountered the apparently dying Davros on Skaro, one of the range of Daleks in the city was a Special Weapons Dalek, although we never saw it fire its insanely powerful weapon.

THE LONE DALEK

This survivor of the Time War, who had fallen to Earth in the late 1950s and believed itself the only Dalek left alive, isn't specifically a Dalek Executioner. But the Doctor, keen to stress just how powerful even one Dalek is, tells its owner, Henry Van Statten, that one Dalek is enough to wipe out the population of an entire planet.

"Daleks will never be defeated!"

THE DALEK STRATEGIST

Older than the Restoration Empire... Who knows what it's planning...?

There is one thing you need to know about the Dalek Strategist – it is a survivor. The Strategist is a very, very old Dalek, and has retained its original casing. Where other Daleks have upgraded to stronger, faster, more durable casings, the Strategist makes do with a patched-up, damaged and blistered travel machine. It does this out of pride – a most un-Dalek attribute. It is the Strategist's way of announcing that it does not need defences when it has its wits.

Just how old is the Strategist? Was it one of the original Daleks in their city on Skaro, from the time when the Doctor first encountered them? Has the Strategist been watching ever since? Was it there when the Daleks invaded Earth? Was it in the control room when the Daleks sent an assassination squad through time after the Doctor? Was it present when the Daleks came up with the masterplan to build a Time Destructor? Was it one of the Daleks that escaped Skaro after the Dalek Civil War? Did it then help to rebuild Dalek civilisation? Had it manipulated the people of Earth and Draconia to the very brink of war? Was it one of the Daleks that carefully removed itself from the reaches of the Movellan virus? Just how long had it remained in the shadows, waiting for an Emperor to arise which it could control?

The Dalek Strategist has survived. It has powers of manipulation and persuasion that are unusual in a Dalek, and it is prepared to lie to achieve its ends. It is also capable of thinking laterally in order to conquer the challenges to the Dalek Empire.

The Strategist is the Emperor's sole trusted advisor, and has the ability to perceive changes to the time continuum. It knew something had changed in the nature of the universe, and it dared to ponder whether the Restoration Empire itself was the result of one of these aberrations.

When the Emperor received a warning that these changes had resulted from disruption at the start of the universe and that the Doctor was involved, the Strategist helped raid ancient knowledge from the Archive of Islos. During the resulting combat with a strange Entity, the Strategist was able to calculate its opponent's abilities, sacrificing Dalek forces in order to preserve the Emperor. Seeking help from the Mechanoids, the Strategist played upon their better nature in order to banish the Entity. This is when the Entity revealed itself as a servant of the Hond, a race wiped out in the Dark Times. The Strategist enlisted the Tenth Doctor to help against the Hond, even convincing the Doctor that it was a tortured slave of the Emperor. Its goal was to use the Doctor to travel to the Dark Times, and when the Doctor escaped, the Strategist simply located another incarnation and manipulated him into taking a Dalek Time Squad back to the Dark Times.

"Skaro has fallen. The Entity can predict our movements!"

Once there, the Strategist sought to manipulate species and events to its own ends, only to realise that the Emperor had its own rather blunter plan for the destruction of Gallifrey. The Strategist was not surprised when the plan failed, and in the resulting conflagration the Strategist was seemingly destroyed.

But there is one thing you need to know about the Dalek Strategist – it is a survivor.

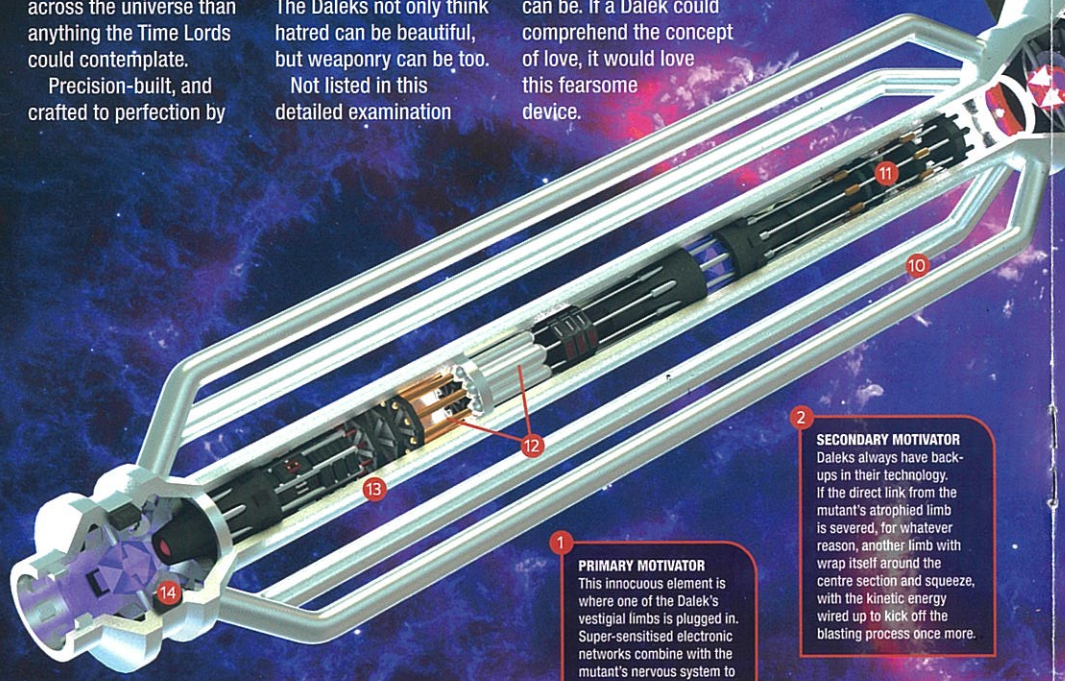
THE DALEK GUNSTICK

Everyone knows that a Dalek isn't complete until their devastatingly powerful weapon has been fitted to the casing.

No one wants to be at the wrong end of a Dalek gunstick. The deadliest portable weapon outside of Gallifrey's Omega Arsenal, the Dalek's ruby-ray blaster has still caused more deaths across the universe than anything the Time Lords could contemplate.

Precision-built, and crafted to perfection by the world's foremost dealers in death, there is a terrifying beauty in each and every gunstick that the Daleks carry. Remember when the Dalek Prime Minister discussed the concept of beauty with the Doctor? The Daleks not only think hatred can be beautiful, but weaponry can be too.

Not listed in this detailed examination of the Dalek gunstick – there are just too many of them – are the nanobots that maintain the gunstick. These miniature Dalek robots ensure that every blaster is kept at peak efficiency and clean as it can be. If a Dalek could comprehend the concept of love, it would love this fearsome device.



1 PRIMARY MOTIVATOR
This innocuous element is where one of the Dalek's vestigial limbs is plugged in. Super-sensitised electronic networks combine with the mutant's nervous system to link to one specific part of its brain: the desire to kill. If that emotion becomes strong enough, the weapon fires. And a Dalek always wants to kill.

2 SECONDARY MOTIVATOR
Daleks always have back-ups in their technology. If the direct link from the mutant's atrophied limb is severed, for whatever reason, another limb with wrap itself around the centre section and squeeze, with the kinetic energy wired up to kick off the blasting process once more.

3 COSMIC RAY SECONDARY STORAGE
Super-dense batteries power each blast. They can be re-loaded faster with the battle-cry of "Exterminate!", but they're never without power longer than a few seconds. The stored energy for firepower means the last thing a fatally injured Dalek can do before it dies is fire one last blast at its enemy.

4 VARIABLE EXTERMINATOR SENSOR
There are three systems within the Dalek gunstick itself for killing an enemy. The first is poison gas*, the second is by high-intensity x-rays, and the third is via neutronic energy, with the last option fired at objects or enemies that do not succumb to x-rays.

*Dalek gunstick shown is not fitted with the temporal pocket, adapted from inferior Sontaran technology.

5 NEUTRONIC IRRADIATOR
The lit element here shows that the Dalek gunstick is about to fire a neutronic beam. Incredibly powerful, being shot by this beam is like being shot by nuclear bomb. Nothing can survive it.

6 X-RAY GENERATOR
X-rays are made due to the sudden deceleration of electrons when they collide and interact with a target. During deceleration, more than 99% of the electron energy becomes heat, with less than 1% of energy converted into x-rays. With a Dalek blaster, the opposite is true.

7 NEOGENIC ENERGY TRANSFORMER
This is the most dangerous part of a Dalek apart from the mutant itself. Here, the blast energy is ramped up to insane levels. While protected by a thick ring of Dalekanium, it's also partially exposed. While excess radiation is fed back into the Dalek, if an enemy were to score a continuous direct hit to this section, the ensuing explosion might mean the end of the Dalek – but it would definitely mean the end of the enemy!

8 FOCUSING CRYSTAL
Once made from Skarosian Ruby Gemstones, these are now all mined out. One reason the Daleks invade other worlds is for the gems they hope to find – without them, their weapons are useless. The Daleks treat the rubies so that they are even harder and clearer than diamonds, reaching 13 on the Mohs scale.

9 RADIATION FEEDBACK
The focused beam is then channelled through this section where any excess radiation is fed back into the Dalek unit. The Dalek lives – even though only to a small extent – from killing.

10 STABILISATION RODS
These are made from refined Dalekanium of the highest calibre, essential because of the immense power that is fired through the central chamber.

11 DALEK TARGETING DISPLACER
The urge to kill in the Daleks of the Restoration Empire is so strong – and in the Executioner even more so – that Daleks have been known to go on rampages, killing everything in sight. The gunsticks have been fitted with these sensors so they don't accidentally shoot each other.

12 TARGETING ARRAY
This acts as a second eye that works in parallel with its eye-stalk to measure the distance and speed of the target to be exterminated. The Dalek calculates the amount of power needed to destroy its quarry, but always calculates to extremes. For instance, the energy from a Dalek blast could power the Blackpool Illuminations for a year.

13 BEAM CONCENTRATORS
Either of these two elements is activated depending on the type of energy fired. They do, as is said, what it says on the tin.

14 CRITICAL FOCUSING CRYSTAL
The final element before the gunstick fires. These crystals sit in a gravity chamber manipulated by the Dalek unit. While the gunstick can point in one direction, the death ray that is spat out can be aimed at multiple points.

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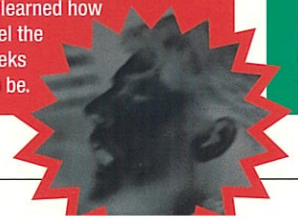
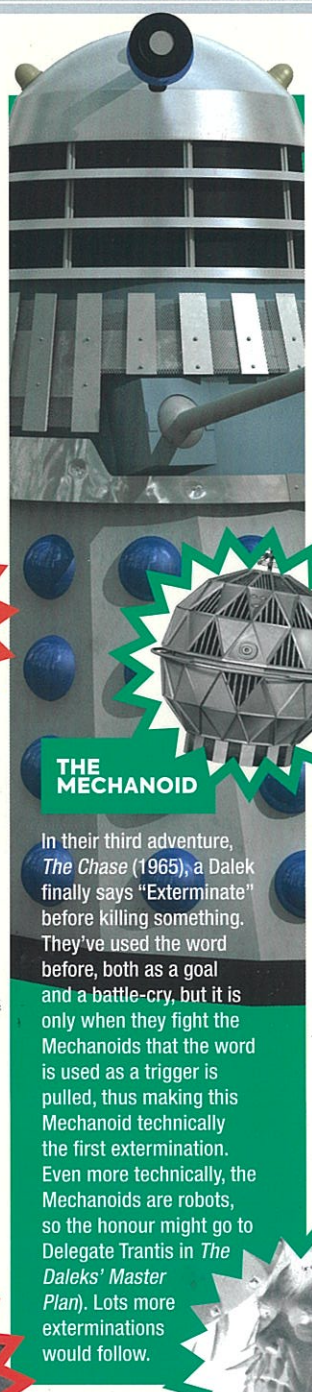
TEMMOSUS

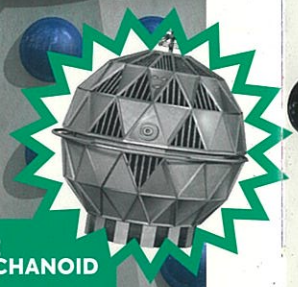
The first person we saw a Dalek kill was this leader of the Thals, in *The Dead Planet* (1963-64). Prior to this we'd seen the Daleks stun the Doctor's companion, Ian, but it was with the ambush of the Thals that we saw just how lethal the Daleks were. This also established the negative halo that surrounds a victim of a Dalek death ray.

REBEL PRISONER

In *The Dalek Invasion of Earth* (1964), the Daleks have transformed from mentally scarred scientists to ruthless invaders – and it's only their second appearance in *Doctor Who*. These Daleks have poisoned, conquered and enslaved the Earth, but most shocking is this scene where a prisoner tries to avoid being herded onto a Dalek saucer. His escape attempt fails, and the other prisoners can only watch as he begs for help while the Daleks advance on him. This is the moment when we learned how cruel the Daleks can be.

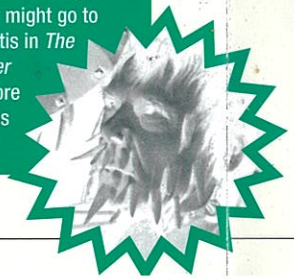






THE MECHANOID

In their third adventure, *The Chase* (1965), a Dalek finally says "Exterminate" before killing something. They've used the word before, both as a goal and a battle-cry, but it is only when they fight the Mechanoids that the word is used as a trigger is pulled, thus making this Mechanoid technically the first extermination. Even more technically, the Mechanoids are robots, so the honour might go to Delegate Trantis in *The Daleks' Master Plan*). Lots more exterminations would follow.



THE EXXILONS

When *Doctor Who* moved into colour the extermination effect remained the same, with the entire picture turning negative. In *Death to the Daleks* (1974), the Daleks lost the use of their death rays thanks to the power-sapping Great City of the Exxilons. Replacing their weapons with machine guns, and having successfully tested them on model police boxes that they just had going spare, they promptly cut down two Exxilons. "Satisfactory."

THE ARCH-TRAITOR, THE THAL SPY, RONSON

The death of Ronson in *Genesis of the Daleks* (1975) is a double-first. As this adventure is set during the creation of the Daleks, this makes the slaying of Ronson the first extermination in history. From a visual-effects perspective, it's also the first extermination to feature visible death rays travelling from the Dalek guns to the screaming body of their victim. Finally, it's also a memorably horrible scene to watch in a story packed full of grim exterminations.

DALEK PRISONERS

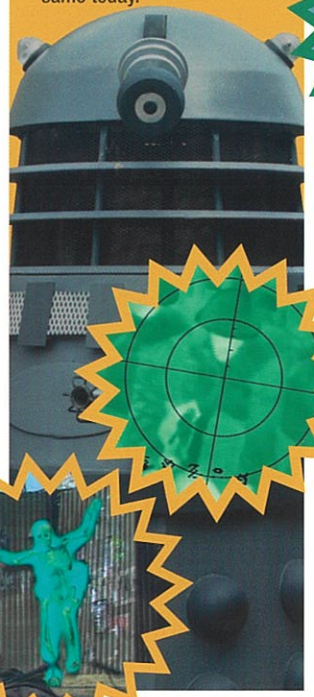
Destiny of the Daleks (1979) saw the Dalek death ray effect refined still further. Instead of the entire picture turning negative, the glow was focused on the victims. Technically impressive, the sequence where the Daleks execute a bunch of prisoners was undermined by the not-fussed-ness of the prisoners, who all lay gently down on the (very hard) floor. No screaming death agonies for them.

DEATH AND THE DALEKS!

UNNAMED SOLDIER

Another double-first death is seen in *Remembrance of the Daleks* (1988) when a soldier is blasted by a Dalek death ray. This is the first death seen from the perspective of Dalek's eyestalk, in which we see a Dalek's onboard targeting system at work as it selects the hapless soldier in the Totter's Lane junkyard.

Thanks to advances in video effects and rudimentary computer animation, this is the first time we see a victim's skeleton glow through their body as the extermination takes place. This effect is still fundamentally the same today.



SIMMONDS

"What are you going to do?" asks Simmons in *Dalek* (2005). "Sucker me to death?" And this is just what happens to the first person we see killed by a Dalek sucker. Simmons is also the first person killed by a Dalek in the 21st-century revival of *Doctor Who*. It's a very unpleasant death. Moments later, a guard called Bywater is the first person exterminated in the traditional manner.

THE DOCTOR

The Daleks talk a lot about exterminating the Doctor. They've had Doctors staring down the barrel of a gunstick several times, but the first Dalek to exterminate him was a nameless Dalek drone that happened to be in the right place at the right time. In *The Stolen Earth* (2008), the Doctor is overjoyed to be reunited with Rose Tyler, he doesn't spot the Dalek until it's almost too late. Although the blast from the Dalek was a glancing blow, it was lethal enough to trigger a regeneration.

EXIT STRATEGY

The Dalek Emperor's plan had failed.

This did not in itself comfort the Dalek Strategist. But it was definitely something worth considering. In order to succeed as Emperor one needed ambition – the ambition to succeed, to conquer, to destroy. The problem with ambition was keeping it enslaved to pure logic.

That had not happened the Dalek Strategist concluded as it fell burning through the time vortex.

When the Dalek Emperor had realised that the empire was threatened by changes to the time stream, it was not surprised to find the Doctor was involved. The Dalek Strategist's plan, therefore, had then been a simple one: if the Doctor was the cause of the problem, then the Doctor could be the solution. So it had used the Doctor: first to dispose of an impossible enemy, then to take a Dalek Time Squad to the origin of the changes in time.

That was where it had all gone wrong the Strategist decided as it watched several members of the Dalek Time Squad torn apart by the vortex.

It had gone wrong because the Dalek Emperor had been ambitious. And that ambition led to over-complication.

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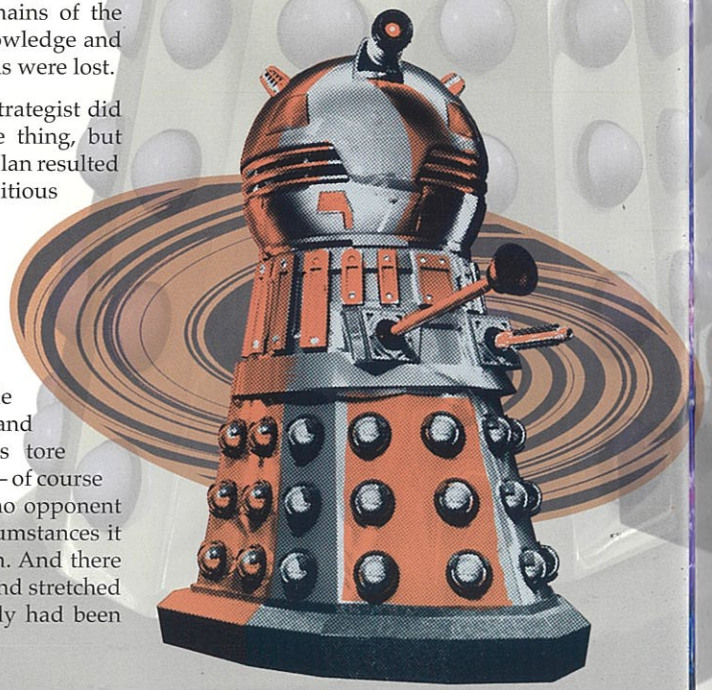
It had been simple to locate the cause of the temporal disruptions. The Strategist had then done its best to contain it. It had even taken satisfaction from manipulating three incarnations of the Doctor as they fought each other. Along the way it had harvested several life forms – specimens from the Dark Times that might contain genetic secrets of value to the future of the Dalek Race.

This was when the Emperor's ambition had gone too far. The Dalek Emperor had devised an 'Ultimate End' to the mission in secret. Had it shared this plan with the Dalek Strategist, it would have told its master that it would fail. And fail it had.

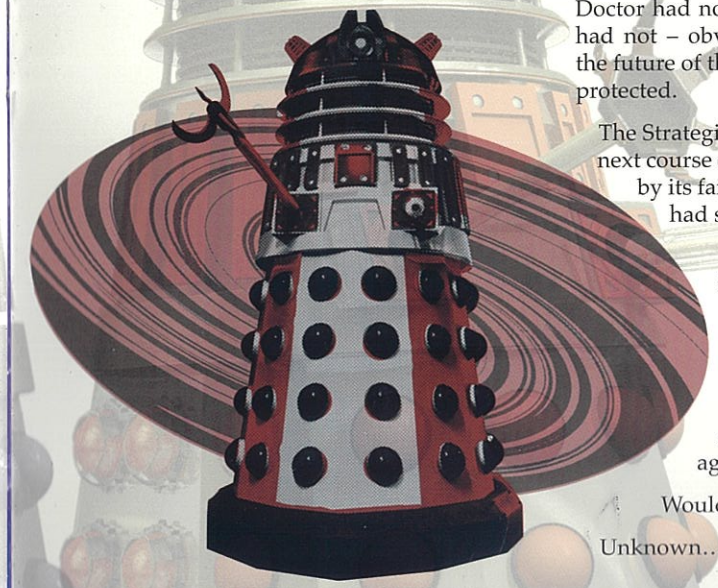
The Emperor had tried to wipe out Gallifrey before the Time Lords were created. The plan was certainly ambitious – which had attracted the attention of the Doctors, and this had led to its failure… and why the Dalek Strategist now fell through the vortex.

In the distance, burning at the edge of the temporal horizon, were the remains of the Dalek Time Saucer. Valuable knowledge and a fascinating harvest of specimens were lost.

This loss was something the Strategist did not care for. Ambition was one thing, but caution was another. A cautious plan resulted in victory without risk. An ambitious plan risked losing everything.



The Dalek Strategist took a momentary satisfaction as the broken casing of the Dalek Executioner whipped past. The casing was crumbling as it watched, the mutant inside exposed, its tentacles flailing and shuddering as the time winds tore through it. Its gun was still firing – of course it was. Even though there was no opponent left, its only way to react to circumstances it did not like was to shoot at them. And there it went, shredded by the vortex and stretched screaming across infinity. It really had been a thoroughly stupid creature. It was all that it deserved.



The Dalek Strategist returned to assessing possible outcomes. Due to the Emperor's meddling in its plans, all was lost. The secrets of the Dark Times had been squandered, the Doctor had not been exterminated, Gallifrey had not – obviously – been destroyed, and the future of the Dalek Empire was no longer protected.

The Strategist contemplated the Emperor's next course of action. Would it be surprised by its failure, or would it blame those it had sent? Probably the latter.

Would it be emboldened by its defeat, blaming the Time Lords for the changes to the universe? Most likely.

Would it declare war on the Time Lords, throwing all the resources of the Dalek Empire against them? Almost inevitably.

Would it fail?

Unknown…

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The Dalek Strategist allowed itself another moment, watching the casing being stripped away from a Dalek Drone, the creature within turning to screaming dust.

Time was the ultimate enemy, the Strategist considered. The ultimate enemy, the ultimate weapon. A force to be reckoned with, a force to be harnessed.

The Daleks had created temporal weapons in the past, and the Time Lords had meddled in Dalek history, but neither side had yet fought an entire war where the battleground was time, where the weapons used were time.

Fascinating.

The Strategist calculated its options and those of its species. It could allow itself to die here in the vortex. If it did, the Emperor would embark on its war against the Time Lords on its own. And it would fail on its own.

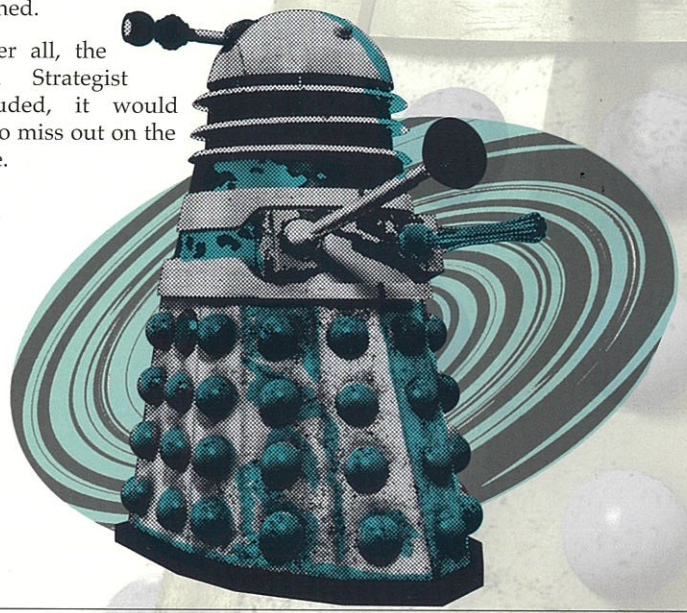
And here, drifting in infinity, the Dalek Strategist realised that it could go back, it could do everything possible to help the Emperor in its next battle. If, then, the Emperor failed, then that Emperor was not necessarily the right Emperor for the ultimate fight. Then then there might be a vacancy worth filling.

The Strategist considered its own ambitions. It had not wasted its voyage in the Dark Times, and had gathered some of the Kotturuh crystals, enhancing its casing with them. It's next move would involve risk, but a calculated one. And the Dalek Strategist allowed itself the occasional innovation.

It felt the energy pulled from the time vortex, from the forever-exploding saucer, from the dying Daleks, surging into its casing.

"Emergency temporal shift," it said, and vanished.

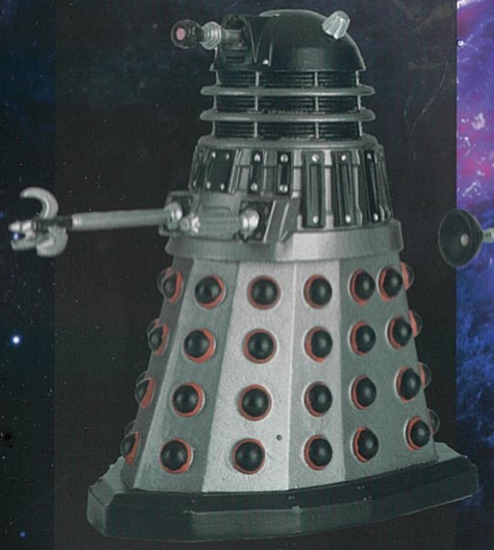
After all, the Dalek Strategist concluded, it would hate to miss out on the future.



DALEK EXECUTIONER

When the Dalek Emperor established the Restoration Empire, taking what it considered to be the best of the earlier Dalek Empires and then forging something new and terrible with it, he created this new rank.

There have been assassination squads, and there have been Daleks assigned the role of executioner, but none of them have been like this. These Daleks watch for signs of weakness and failure in others of its kind, and are programmed to be nothing other than utterly loyal to their Emperor. They live to kill. They revel in death. And if they must exterminate even a Dalek, they will not hesitate!



DALEK STRATEGIST

This Dalek wears its age with something almost alien to the Dalek race: pride. While other Daleks are fitted with new and sturdier casings, this Dalek's battered and rusting shell is used as a badge of something almost like honour. This Dalek has lived. It has fought. It has survived.

The Dalek Strategist's exceptional age, knowledge and experience all brought it to the attention of the Dalek Emperor long ago. That the Strategist is the only advisor the Emperor trusts completely is something that makes other Daleks wary… and that it's the only Dalek the Emperor trusts is something the Strategist will use!